



Dannel P. Malloy, Governor

State of Connecticut Situation Report



Department of Emergency
Management & Homeland Security

February 1-3, 2011 SNOWSTORM
Report Period: February 2, 2011 1000 HRS

STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER ACTIVATION LEVEL:

Governor Malloy activated the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at 0900 hours, February 1, 2011.

AGENCIES PRESENT AT SEOC AT TIME OF REPORT:

CT DEMHS, CT Department of Transportation, CT Department of Public Safety, CT Military Department, CT Department of Agriculture, Commission on Fire Prevention and Control, CL&P, American Red Cross, Department of Information Technology, United Illuminating

REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE FROM STATE EOC:

None

DEMHS SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

At 0619 hrs, the FEMA Incident Management Assistance Team from DHS/FEMA Region 1 arrived at the State EOC.

Governor Malloy has directed the delayed arrival of all non-essential state employees until 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 2, 2011. This action is taken due to hazardous driving conditions during the morning hours. It is the Governor's sincere hope that all employees will exercise extreme caution while driving.

DEMHS staff met with FEMA IMAT team at 0750 to discuss coordination of a possible response.

Structural Collapse / Damage Information

Stafford Springs	Unknown	Abandoned Mill	2/2/2011	09:56
East Haven	Unknown	Commercial Building	2/2/2011	09:44
Waterbury	Main Street	One Story Building Collapse	2/2/2011	09:44
Manchester	Center St and Griswold St	Detached residential garage	2/2/2011	08:44
Enfield	South Road	Unknown	2/2/2011	08:38
South Windsor		High School Auditorium	2/2/2011	07:30
Wethersfield	Barrington Drive	Multi Vehicle Garage - Condo	2/2/2011	07:21

WEATHER UPDATE:

SNOW, SLEET AND FREEZING RAIN CONTINUE ACROSS THE STATE...

ICE STORM WARNINGS REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR ALL OF SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT...

SOME ROOF COLLAPSES LIKELY AS ICE ADDS WEIGHT TO EXISTING SNOW LOAD...

At 8:45 AM radar and surface observations showed a large area of moderate to occasionally heavy freezing rain occurring across most of Central and Southern CT with plain rain along the Southeast Coast. Moderate to heavy sleet mixing with freezing rain is occurring in most of Northern CT. Temperatures currently range from near 20 F in Northern and Central CT to the low 30's along the Southeast coast. A total of 4,517 outages are being reported by CL&P and UI along the coast.

This Morning: In Northern CT...Moderate to heavy sleet changing to freezing rain by 11:00 AM in most areas. Several inches of snow and sleet are possible before the changeover. The precipitation is expected to taper off to light freezing rain by noon with total snow/sleet accumulations of 6 – 8 inches along the Mass border and 2 – 4 inches in the Hartford Area. Icing is expected to continue for the rest of the morning into early afternoon with around 1/4" of ice accretion expected North of I-84. Driving will be hazardous with snow/sleet cover on roads and some glazing of any untreated or plowed roads.

In Southern CT...Moderate freezing rain mixed with sleet for the next three hours. The precipitation should change to plain rain within 10 miles of the coast by 10:00 AM, however temperatures are very cold (upper teens) just 10 miles from the coast and a changeover to rain is not expected farther inland. The heaviest icing is expected to occur between now and 2:00 PM this afternoon. The location for the heaviest icing is expected to

be located between Route 15 and I-84 in Southwestern CT and in the Middletown and Norwich areas in Central and Eastern CT. In these vulnerable areas up to ½ - 1" of icing is possible. A significant number of power outages and tree damage is also possible. Driving will be very slick on some secondary roads and some glazing of any untreated or plowed roads.

With nearly 1 inch of liquid equivalent expected in the precipitation this morning and early this afternoon, a considerable risk of roof and deck collapses exists during the day today. The risk will continue into tonight as winds increase to 25 – 30 MPH. Storm total snowfall is forecast to range from 2 - 4 inches along the coast up to 10 inches in Northern CT. Approximately 1 inch of sleet and ½" - 1" inch of total icing is also possible during the storm.

DEMHS REGIONS

Region 1

Region 1 requested assistance from DOT with material for the roads. Request was forwarded to DOT.

EOCs Open

Bridgeport
Greenwich
Stamford
Trumbull

Region 2

Nothing to report at this time

EOCs Open

Chester
Durham
New Haven

Region 3

Several large employers in Hartford are having a delayed opening. The City of Hartford employees will not be reporting to work until noon.

EOCs Open

Ellington
Glastonbury
Hartford
Manchester
Middletown

Region 4

Nothing reported at this time

EOCs Open

Colchester
Mashantucket
Montville
Norwich

Region 5

Ridgefield has a warming center open.

Salisbury requested DOT assistance for snow across the roadway. DOT has already taken care of this request without EOC assistance.

Search dog being requested to 100 North Main Street in Waterbury for a building collapse.

EOCs Open

None

OTHER AGENCIES/PARTNERS:

Department of Public Safety

Connecticut State Police Statewide Activity:

Wednesday 02/02/11 0400 hours - 0930 hours

Calls for Service: 254

Accidents: 21

Accidents with Injuries: 00
Fatalities: 0
DUI- 0
Motorist Assists: 52
Non-Reportable: 219

Troops Contacted:

Several spin outs, disabled motorists and accidents reported

Major Highway Corridors:

Troop H is working a rollover accident on I-91 N/B at exit 29, due to icy/snowy conditions, no closures.

Secondary State Roadways:

Troop B North Canaan reports Rt. 44 at Prospect Mt Rd is closed due to avalanche type snow slide in roadway.

Weather Related Activity:

Several spin outs, disabled motorists and accidents reported

Significant Active Incidents:

The EOC is activated at this time.

Running Event Totals:

Tuesday 02/01/11 0500 hours through Wednesday 02/02/11 0930 hours
Calls for Service: 1890
Accidents: 167
Accidents with Injuries: 05
Fatalities: 0
DUI- 00
Motorist Assists: 316
Non-Reportable: 1555

Department of Transportation

Storm Room Open

TOTAL STATE TRUCKS 632 TRUCKS
TOTAL CONTRACTOR 177 TRUCKS
TOTAL TRUCKS 809

NOTES:

NEW YORK HAS A TANDEM TRAILER TRUCK RESTRICTION IN EFFECT FOR I-84 AND I-684. CONNECTICUT WILL HAVE A TANDEM (DOUBLE BOX) TRACTOR TRAILER RESTRICTION FROM MIDNIGHT TONIGHT UNTIL 4PM ON WEDNESDAY FEB. 2ND.

Rail:

The New Haven Line train service is experiencing 15-20 minute delays system wide. Shore Line East is on or close to schedule. However, the 6:55am Shore Line East train from New London to New Haven is operating 35 minutes late. Equipment shortages on the New Haven Line continue causing overcrowding on trains.

On the Northeast Corridor (NEC), the first Amtrak Acela train out of Boston and the first Acela train from New York to Boston were cancelled. Currently, Amtrak Acela and regional service on the NEC are experiencing 15-20 minute delays. On the New Haven-Hartford-Springfield Line, the first southbound train is operating 58 minutes late out of Hartford.

Military Department/Connecticut National Guard

CTNG/Military Department currently has one representative in the SEOC. The CTNG Joint Operations Center (JOC) is currently in a Partial Activation with 4 personnel. The CTNG currently has a total of 547 full time Federal employees at work. Possible mission sets have been identified and

staffed. Selected units have been notified of possible utilization by the Governor and are awaiting instructions. No additional information at this time.

Connecticut Department of Information Technology

No significant events reported. Normal staffing levels at the Department of Information Technology (DoIT) State Data Center with essential personnel. In addition, key employees are working remotely.

Commission on Fire Prevention and Control

Continue in a monitoring mode. Since the previous Sit Rep, fire departments have responded to at least three (3) structural or partial structural collapsed structures (Reported on previous Sit Reps or Significant Event Logs). No injuries reported. No requests for assistance have been received.

CT Department of Agriculture

No significant problems.

CT Department of Environmental Protection

No significant problems.

Connecticut Light and Power (CL&P)

CL&P has 5552 customers without power as of 9:30.

CL&P's EOC is Fully Activated as of 9 am .

Currently there are 5552 customer without power with 73 trouble spots.

Stamford and New London have decentralized and managing the outages in their area.

Overall, CL&P has approximately 183 crews available to deploy throughout the event. Work schedules will be adjusted to ensure overlapping coverage. Crews have been pre-positioned in the Southern Region. The EOC is evaluating crew movements based on customer outages.

In addition to CL&P crews, arrangements have been made to secure crews from our contractors, and our operating companies in Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

Connecticut Department of Public Health

No change in hospital EOC activation status

No change in status on open questions about DPH mobile field hospital generator deployment

No requests from hospitals, nursing homes, or long term care facilities

United Illuminating (UI)

The UI Storm Operations Center is fully staffed.

100 line crews are working on restoration.

Total UI Outages Reported as of 0930 hours 2/2/11 = 2,962. The largest outages are in Stratford (767 customers and 703 customers), Bridgeport (2 large outages, 482 and 420 customers), Southport (222 customers) and Milford (219 customers) - collectively 95% of the total. There are 34 other outages for the remaining 149 customers.

Bridgeport: 1,554

Stratford: 802

Milford: 289

Southport: 225

Fairfield: 44

East Haven: 17

Shelton: 1

Trumbull: 1

West Haven: 1

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross continues to monitor the winter storm. There have been no requests for Red Cross services.

Next report at 1300, 2 Feb 11

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